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Ciudad Real, 3-10-62.

Mi buen amigo negro: Aunque no le conozco, quiero decirle (si esta carta llega a sus manos), que como católica y española, estoy, con la mayoría de mis compatriotas, a su lado y al de todos aquellos injustamente perseguidos o despreciados por blancos sin corazón.

Es vergonzoso para Estados Unidos, que tanto presumen de libertades, ese acoso a los de su raza. En España, gracias a Dios, los negros son igual que los blancos; hermanos nuestros, personas, amigos. Yo tengo unas amigas morenas, de Puerto Rico, que estudian Medicina aquí y le aseguro que todo el mundo las respeta y quiere como se merecen.

No sé si será católico o protestante! para mí es igual. Porque Cristo predicó el amor entre los hombres y nuestro Papa, Juan XXIII ha nombrado Cardenal, o sea, Príncipe de la Iglesia, a un negro de Tanganica. También tenemos en los Altares varios santos de color; San Benito de Palermo, Los Santos Negritos de Uganda y, por último, al frailecito mestizo San Martín de Porres, canonizado hará tres meses.

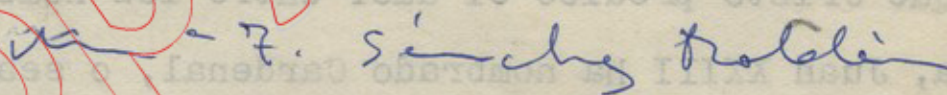
Por mi parte le diré que soy escritora, hasta ahora sólo me han publicado una novela y premiado varios cuentos y tengo escrita una novela titulada "Juan Manuel, el hijo negro", en la que defiende a los de su raza. Y el artista

moreno, cubano, René Muñoz, que ha llevado a la pantalla la vida del de Porres, la tiene para ver si puede llevarla al cine.

En ella, mi protagonista, después de sufrir mucho y desesperarse en ocasiones por haber nacido negro, acaba por sentirse feliz "al sentir la alegría de su color", - pues cuando Dios así les hace, sus razones tendrán y más perderán los que no cumplen sus preceptos de amor y les desprecian.

Que el Señor le proteja es mi mayor deseo; y si ahí no le dejan estudiar! vengase a España! y verá que tanto los profesores como los compañeros de Universidad, le acogen con cariño y simpatía y se encontrará contento de estar entre nosotros.

Sin más, le manda un cariñoso saludo su hermana blanca,



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My good colored friend:

I do not know you, I wish to tell you, should this letter reach your hands, that as a Catholic and Spaniard, I am with most of my countrymen, on your side, and on the side of all those unjustly persecuted or looked down upon by whites without heart.

It is shameful for the United States that pretend to practice or exercise freedom that is of your race. In Spain, thank God, the blacks are the same as the whites; our brothers, persons, friends etc. I have some colored friends from Puerto Rico, who study Medicine here and I assure you that everyone respects and loves them as they deserves.

I do not know if they are Catholics or protestant; for me it is the same, because Christ shared love between men and our Pope John XXIII was named Cardinal, or better, Prince of the Church (a black man from Tanganica). Also, on our altar we have various colored Saints: Saint Benito of Palermo, the colored Saint of Uganda, and the last mixed colored brother, Saint Martin of Porres, canonized about three months ago.

On my part I shall tell you, that I am a writer, and until now they have only published a novel and approved various stories, and I have written a novel entitled "JUAN MANUEL", the son of a negro, in which I defend those of your race. And the colored Cuban artist René Muñoz, who has taken to the screen, his version of the life of Porres, to see if they will accept it for a movie.

In it, my protege, after much sufferage and desperation on occasions, for having been born black, he finishes by feeling happy. Upon feeling this new happiness of his color, for when God does it that way, he has his reasons; moreover, those who do not fulfill his precepts of and love and looks down on people, they will be lost.

My greatest wish is that God protect you; and if they do not let you study there, come to Spain, and not only the professors but also the students of the University, will take you in with affection and love, and you will find yourself happy for being amongst us.

Without further adieu, I send a warm greeting from your white sister,

Miss Teresa Sánchez Roldan

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